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## Mother Charged With Child Abuse After Children Found On Streets Alone

A mother whose two toddlers were found wandering the streets of South Los Angeles alone was charged today with child abuse, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Sidnicka Wilson (dob 12/1/81) was charged in case BA422207 with two felony counts of child abuse, one felony count of possession of a controlled substance, two misdemeanor counts of possession of a smoking device and one misdemeanor count of giving false information to a police officer.

Wilson is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 in the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Prosecutors said the two boys, ages 2 and 3, were found early Monday by themselves in the area of Manchester and Stanford avenues. A Good Samaritan ensured the children didn't walk into traffic, while another person followed the 3-year-old to a nearby apartment.

Investigators were unable to locate Wilson and noted the apartment where she lived with her children was in disarray. It appeared that the children were uninjured. They are now in the custody of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

Wilson was arrested Wednesday afternoon several miles away from where the children had been found after someone spotted her. Police searched Wilson and found rock cocaine and a glass pipe, prosecutors said.

If convicted of all charges, Wilson faces up to 8 years in state prison for the felony charges and six months in county jail for each misdemeanor count. Bail was recommended at \$200,000.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime

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